

requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to claims 4-12 at a later date if they so desire.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

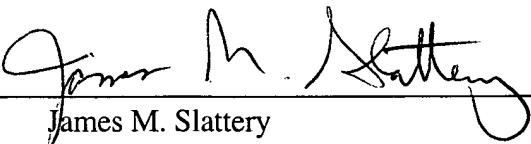
The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return the Forms PTO-1449 that were submitted together with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 3, 2002 and May 22, 2002. In addition, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the three co-pending applications set forth in Applicants' Letter dated March 7, 2002.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Respectfully submitted,

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